

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

passed to the embraces of her Divine Bridegroom. Stefano carried the body to the church of the Minerva, where it lay until the evening of Tuesday, May 1, exposed to the veneration of the people, working innumerable miracles, as men deemed, upon the souls and bodies of those that approached it. Thinking still more to enkindle their devotion, Giovanni Tantucci went up into the pulpit, and attempted to address the crowd ; but such was the noise of the throng that he could not get a hearing. He cried out in a loud voice : "I had meant to say somewhat in praise of this holy virgin, but it is manifest to all that she has no need of our sermons, for her eternal Bridegroom is Himself declaring her merits, and honouring her in His own fashion " ; and came down to join them. Urban himself had the funeral carried out with all ecclesiastical pomp, and Giovanni Cenci, the Senator of Rome, had another requiem offered in the name of the Roman People, with equal solemnity. Thus, for one brief moment, did the Papacy and the Republic of Rome seem to meet in harmony and union by the side of Catherine's tomb.